

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 638

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A RESOLUTION to honor the ninetieth anniversary of WNOX Radio.

WHEREAS, locally owned and operated radio stations have been important community cultural institutions since the radio industry first began to gain a foothold in the early years of the twentieth century; the new medium brought local, national, and world events to listeners in a timely fashion and opened doors to music, sports, weather, and other features; and

WHEREAS, WNOX Radio is one such vital station which for ninety years has provided its listeners with outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, the first broadcast station in Tennessee, WNOX Radio is a popular radio station with a broadcast area that begins in Knoxville and extends throughout Eastern Tennessee and into the multi-state area surrounding the Tennessee Valley; and

WHEREAS, throughout its illustrious existence, WNOX Radio has compiled an unequalled history of meritorious service to its community, state, and nation, first on the AM band and now on the FM band; and

WHEREAS, venerated for its adherence to the highest quality standards, WNOX Radio has played a pivotal role in creating and sustaining the vibrant, modern, and world-renowned Tennessee broadcasting industry; and

WHEREAS, it was instrumental in launching the careers of a plethora of talented performers, including Roy Acuff, Chet Atkins, Carl and Pearl Butler, Archie Campbell, Bill Carlisle, Martha Carson, The Carter Family, Lester Flatt, Don Gibson, Homer & Jethro, Sonny James, The Louvin Brothers, Red & Fred, Carl Smith, Carl Story, and Kitty Wells, among others; and

WHEREAS, over the past nine decades, WNOX has provided countless hours of reliable information, quality entertainment, and caring public service to thousands of listeners and has earned a hallowed place in the hearts of its fans; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body wish to seize this opportunity to specially honor all of the workers and the team behind WNOX Radio as they celebrate ninety years of broadcasting and service to their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate WNOX Radio on providing ninety years of outstanding broadcasting to their listeners in Knoxville, all of Eastern Tennessee, and the multi-state area surrounding the Tennessee Valley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.